



SEWARD AND VICINITY.

By "Beulah."

Mrs. Rice and son, Marshall, were down to Seward Friday.

Andrew Adamson and wife have a girl baby at their house.

It is being said that our quiet little town is becoming quite a gambling resort.

Dave Knepper, one of our prominent farmers, was in the Bend Saturday.

Misses Maggie and Jennie Blunn, of Seward, were shopping in the Bend Friday.

A Sabbath school has been organized at Douglas Valley, and is being well attended.

Mrs. Tranbarger visited the family of Sheriff Dickeson at St. John, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Frank Miller has been shelling corn the past week with a hand sheller, shelling something over a hundred bushels a day.

It looks now as if most of the people in this vicinity were going to have quite a peach and plum crop.

John Clark, an old timer of this county, who has been living down in the Strip for the past 2 or 3 years, has returned again to live on his farm. We welcome our old neighbor back.

AROUND CLAFLIN.

The Leader Says—

One of our 21-year-old little boys was seen drawing out ground squirrels the other day.

Harry Snavely was taken with a severe attack of heart trouble at church Sunday night.

Wheat grows fast and furious. In fact most of it has already jointed. A couple of timely rains would give us an extra early harvest.

Lew Allen killed an eagle last week which measured 7 feet and 4 inches from tip to tip. This is a pretty stiff yarn, but Allen has the papers to prove it.

Joy was followed by sorrow in the short space of five days at the home of Carl Pusch. Saturday night a son was born to them, but the little one died last evening of indigestion.

The democrats of Independent township will hold a primary at the office of Breeden & Pickering on Saturday, May 9, at 3 p. m., to elect delegates to the county delegate convention to be held at Great Bend May 16.

The Odin Parochial school, with two nuns as its teachers has been a fine success thus far. There are now in attendance about 125 scholars, and they are reported as making good progress. Both the parents and children take great interest in the school, and everything is done by the teachers and the pastor A. P. Heimann, to provide for their moral and physical welfare. A number of scholars come from a distance and board in the neighborhood.

Our "Man Around Town" says he witnessed an exciting chase Sunday morning after church. One of our citizens was asked by his wife to run quick and ask a certain girl if she would come and help them a couple of days. The dutiful husband started on his mission, but the maid in question and her girl companions had by that time got pretty well along the road toward their home in the country. Our citizen struck out at a fast walk to overtake them. The girls spied him and thinking he was a tramp, began to run. The pursuer broke into a run also. The pursued, observing this, redoubled their gait to keep beyond the grasp of the supposed tramp. It was a pretty race, but the girls beat their pursuer out and frightened and exhausted, reached home before he overtook them. Our citizen was pretty well fagged out himself, after his mile and a half chase. The question is, was the joke on the girls or the dutiful husband?

ABOUT ELLINWOOD.

The Advocate says:

Charley Heinz is one of the assistants at the Logan Creamery Company.

This has been one of the best springs for starting trees in the history of Kansas and lucky is the man who set out trees this year.

Harvest will probably be two weeks earlier this year than for several years past. It's the early harvest that produces the best results.

Two of every three single ministers that have ever come to Ellinwood have finally married an Ellinwood girl. Have you noticed how the attendance of girls of marriageable age has increased at the Methodist church lately?

Very little more rain is needed to

insure an enormous wheat crop in this part of the state, and there is hardly any question now but that the fruit crop here this year will simply be a record breaker. These are the things that go together to make life worth living in Kansas.

A trip to the irrigated country in western Kansas is sufficient to convince any practical mind that Barton county can be easily irrigated in the same manner; and as for filling the Cheyenne bottoms and creating a great lake, that would simply be no trick at all. If this were done the bottoms could be filled with water while the river was "flush" and held in reserve for irrigation purposes and used during the season that irrigating is most needed and at a time that the river is usually dry here.

HOISINGTON COMMENTS.

From the Dispatch.

Conductor Moran is happy over the arrival of a smiling little daughter at his home.

"Bake" Boxwell is laying off. He will leave for the east Friday to settle up an estate. His father has his job.

Mrs. John Dyer and son returned Monday night from an extended trip east, and now Johnny smiles broader than ever.

The riot at St. John this week should be a warning to people to never go near a circus as long as they live.

D. O. Gray has purchased the frame building north of the H. H. & I. Co. and will move it to the corner south of the Merchants Bank.

The sad death of Paulena A. Ruch occurred at half past seven o'clock Tuesday morning at her home five miles south of Dubuque. The deceased had barely begun life, being only 19 years, 4 months and 25 days of age. She leaves a loving husband and an infant two weeks old.

PAWNEE ROCK ITEMS.

By "Pawnee Rock Corker."

Wonder who got fanned Friday, at the game?

Geo. Gano shipped several cars of corn last week.

The exhibition given by the scholars of No. 9 school was first class.

Will Yates was in town last Friday; came all the way from Great Bend to get beat.

The praise of others may be of use in teaching us, not what we are but what we ought to be.

Geo. Belt, while looking on at the ball game, was struck in the short ribs by a foul from the bat.

The 1st and 2d base ball teams of this city had a hot contest last Friday, the score stood 7 to 8 in favor of the 2d nine.

The party at John Miller's last Tuesday was well attended by a set of hoboes. It is always best to show good, common sense, even at a horse race.

ALBERT ITEMS.

From "The Silent One."

Another runaway in town last week.

Levi Cooper drove to the Bend Saturday.

Another heavy rain from the south-west Monday night.

John Gallon is putting a clean face on the Albert school house.

Z. Bardwell and family spent Sunday visiting in the country.

Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Beattie were in Great Bend Monday.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hayse, a girl, regulation weight.

P. W. Paxson and John Campbell attended meeting at 28, Sunday.

The Albert school will give an entertainment Tuesday night, May 5.

Charlie Haase and Sig Jacoby spent Sunday over north of the Walnut.

Frank Haase was down town for the first time since he had his ankle broken.

J. W. Hall and Gus Faber were out taking in some of the country Sunday afternoon.

Wonder who it was that was sitting out in the buggy 'till the roosters began to crow, while the mocking bird was singing in dat big tree?

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Two or three of our correspondents have apparently forgotten that the readers of the DEMOCRAT are awaiting anxiously to hear from their locality.

A Seeming Inconsistency.

Some years since, Dr. —, now the popular president of a flourishing western college, was the pastor of a congregation in an eastern city. He was one day preaching with great earnestness and, in defining his position on the question at issue, said: "In the language of the immortal Luther, 'Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, God help—'"

He had not finished the familiar quotation when, owing to the fact that he was unconsciously on the very edge of the platform, he fell off and down a distance of about three feet.

He quickly picked himself up, and, on entering the pulpit again, he said: "God helping me I will not change my moral position, but I will take my stand just a trifle farther from the edge of the platform."

The sermon proceeded without any further quotation from the "hero of the reformation.—Ram's Horn."

The Jersey Mosquito.

In the town of Quantuck, N. J., which lies in a low, hot nook, surrounded by swampy land, the mosquitoes have been so thick this season that, when the breeze is gentle, they form a thick black cloud over the town. On several occasions of late this has been so noticeable that the hens have gone to roost at noon, under the impression that it was already nightfall, and without performing their daily task of egg-laying. As the poultry business is a leading one in the town, fanciers suffered for a time considerable financial loss, until the device was hit upon of sending up small dynamite cartridges among the thickest swarms of mosquitoes, by means of a kite flown by a wire, which, at the right moment, conveys a current of electricity to discharge the dynamite. After a few discharges the air is so cleared that the hens can resume operations, and the gory remains of the dead mosquitoes, falling to the ground, are plowed as fertilizers.—N. Y. Recorder.

Mrs. Cyrus Alley came down this week from Colorado to visit with her folks.

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